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SUBJ: FIRE IN NATIONAL PALACE ARMORY: SITREP 6:00 A.M.

REF: P-AU-P 1220

1. FIRE IN MUNITIONS DEPOT BENEATH NATIONAL PALACE CONTINUES AT 5:45 A.M. WITH FREQUENT MUFFLED EXPLOSIONS AUDIBLE THROUGHOUT PORT-AU-PRINCE AND SMOKE POURING FROM REAR OF PALACE. NO EVIDENCE THAT MAIN PART OF PALACE HAS YET CAUGHT FIRE, HOWEVER. GOVERNMENT HAS EVACUATED PALACE AND ESTABLISHED COMMAND POST IN NEARBY MILITARY BARRACKS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER ADREIN RAYMOND VISITED EMBASSY AT 3:30 AND 4:20 A.M. TO REQUEST WHATEVER FIREFIGHTING ASSISTANCE U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. RAYMOND SAID FIRE STARTED AT ABOUT 12:00 MIDNIGHT ON SMALL SCALE IN AMMUNITION DEPOT AND THAT SO FAR AS GOH KNOWS, ORIGIN WAS ACCIDENTAL.

3. POLICE AND MILITARY HAVE BLOCKED OFF ROADS IN VICINITY OF PALACE, BUT OTHERWISE NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY APPARENT IN CITY. CORCORAN

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